

# End of Coal Strike at Hand

## Editorial Periscope

Only 16 more days till Christmas.

With the strike settlement agreed upon, perhaps the Republican Senate may conclude to ratify the peace treaty and let the country, after all, have a Merry Christmas.

The wife of Gen. Felipe Angeles died in New York Sunday. She was critically ill when her husband was executed in Mexico Nov. 27 and was never told of his death.

The Republican committee is in session in Washington to select a place for the national convention. The fight between St. Louis and Chicago is growing intense.

What more acceptable Christmas gift could you send your absent relative or friend than the Kentuckian for a year at \$2? It would be like 156 letters from home at less than stamps would cost.

Publishers of Kansas and Missouri have asked the Government to put a ban on comic supplements and magazine sections to conserve paper. Why not include the Congressional Record in the cut-outs.

Two daughters of Jas. D. Wilson, Paris, Ky., left their diamond rings worth \$3,000 in their rooms while they went to supper. In their absence, a thief entered the window and stole the jewels.

The cuts and cartoons that are being used in the Kentuckian are made in the office from mats furnished by a press service company. Many compliments are being received on the work, which is done by one of our returned soldiers.

The ex-Empress Eugenie, now 93 years old, visited the gardens of the Tuileries last week, where she was once mistress, and was permitted to pluck the faded flowers unmolested. She was simply clad and attended by a lone maid.

The Chicago Cubs have signed P. L. Mooney, a new pitcher developed this year belonging to a sect called the "House of David," the members of which never shave or have their hair cut. Mooney wears flowing whiskers and if there is strength in hair ought to be a Samson in the box.

A settlement of the coal strike is almost sure to be brought about at Indianapolis today, upon what is known as the Garfield plan, including an increase of 14 per cent and the appointment of a commission to hear grievances and investigate conditions. It is also probable that the prosecutions at Indianapolis will be dropped. Judge Anderson has materially helped in bringing it about and Indianapolis is a good place to make the settlement, which should be made so permanent that there will be no further attempts to coerce the government.

Representative Bob Thomas, of the Third District, stated in the House that the retail dealers and the railroads were responsible for the high price of coal and that the average wages of miners in the Western Kentucky district is \$700 a year. A negro miner from this county who works in the Hopkins county mines stated Saturday, "I gets \$10 a day when I works and our mine is busy all de time." The Government report does not bear out Mr. Thomas' statement of \$2.25 a day miners. The miners themselves tell a different story. The railroad rates are fixed by the government. The retailers' profit is small. The trouble is at the mine.

## NEW GOVERNOR GOES INTO OFFICE AT NOON TODAY ELABORATE STAGE IS SET

CROWD REDUCED BY ORDER CURTAILING SPECIAL TRAINS.

FRANKFORT TO WELCOME ALL

Grand March, Led By Governor and Mrs. Morrow, To Feature Inaugural Ball.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 8.—The inaugural parade today will start at 11 o'clock and at high noon Edwin P. Morrow, Governor-elect, and S. Thurston Ballard, Lieutenant-Governor-elect will take the oath of office on a stand in front of the State Capitol, before Chief Justice John D. Carroll. Immediately following the inaugural ceremonies the two new State officers will hold a reception in the State reception room, adjoining the executive offices.

That night from 9 o'clock to 10 o'clock all elective officers of the incoming Administration, with their wives, will receive in the State reception room, after which Governor-elect Morrow and Mrs. Morrow will lead the grand march, opening the inaugural ball in the Capitol.

The capital city will present a gay appearance, with flags and streamers bedecking the business session. The ball at the Capitol is expected to surpass similar events in the past.

**Inaugural Programme.**  
Former Chief Justice Ed C. O'Rear will preside at the inaugural ceremony, the programme for which follows:

Invocation—The Rev. Harry Talbot, Somerset.

Music by military band.

Gov. James D. Black, introduced by Judge E. C. O'Rear.

Band.

Inaugural Address—Edwin P. Morrow.

Oath of office administered to Edwin P. Morrow, and S. Thurston Ballard as Lieutenant-Governor.

Band.

Benediction—The Rev. B. J. Bond, Somerset.

The parade will move in five divisions, the fifth being the negro contingent.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 8.—One of the features of the inaugural ball will be the grand march led by Governor Edwin P. Morrow and Mrs. Morrow. The march will follow the reception which will be held in the State reception room. Governor and Mrs. Morrow will lead the march through the galleries of the Capitol building to the rotunda, where the dancing will begin.

Open houses will be kept by a majority of the lodges on inauguration day, and refreshments will be served following the ceremonies.

The Elks' Home, on Lewis street, will be open all day, as will the Knights of Columbus headquarters, where sandwiches and coffee will be served.

The entire lower floor of the Y. M. C. A. building will be set apart as a rest room for visitors and the Women's Bible Class of the First Christian Church will have refreshments on sale there.

The Christian Church annex will

be open to visitors and lunch will be served there by the Joseph T. Lewis Chapter, U. D. C., and the King's Daughters Circle.

The inauguration will take place at noon with the usual ceremonies. The big crowd expected will be greatly reduced by the ban on excursion trains.

## E. K. ASHBY DIES IN 49TH YEAR

Was Prominent Retail Furniture Dealer in Evansville For Many Years.

E. Kenneth Ashby, one of Evansville's most prominent business men, died at his home, 1002 Riverside avenue, Sunday afternoon at five o'clock after an illness of one week. He was 48 years old.

Mr. Ashby was the son of the late J. W. Ashby and came from one of the most prominent families of the city. He early showed an attitude for business and in 1895 established a bicycle business which assumed large proportions. In 1903 he went to Buffalo, New York, and became associated with E. R. Thomas company in the manufacture of the Thomas Flyer automobile.

On his return to Evansville he, with M. H. Sargeant established the Ashby-Sargeant company, retail furniture dealers, of which firm he was president and treasurer at the time of his death. Both in the business and in social life Mr. Ashby had an unusually large circle of friends. He was a member of the Trinity M. E. church for many years.

Mr. Ashby is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Perle Thomas and a daughter, Alice.—Evansville Courier.

Mr. Ashby was educated in the Ferrell High School of this city from 1887 to 1890. He sent his regrets at the last session of Ferrell's Boys, being unable to attend.

## NOSKE REFUSES TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Gustav Noske, minister of defense, has declined to sign the peace protocol handed Germany by the entente and is resolved to recommend that the government adopt his attitude, come what may, according to an interview with Noske printed today.

"I cannot speak for the whole government, because it has not yet come to a decision," said Noske, "but I shall recommend a refusal to sign the peace treaty protocol."

Dr. Keith Robbed.

Thieves robbed four garages in one block in Louisville, taking \$250 worth of tires and auto accessories belonging to patrons. One of the losers was Dr. David Y. Keith, formerly of this city.

Messrs. G. H. Stowe, J. J. VanCleave, T. M. Dalton and C. S. Coleman have returned from a hunting trip in Southern Florida.

## SCHOOL PLAN IS OUTLINED BY CONFERENCE

PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED TO COMING LEGISLATURE IS AGREED UPON

FRAMED BY SCHOOL LEADERS

Work of New State Superintendent, K. E. A. Committee and County Superintendents.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 5.—What is considered by many the most important development in the history of public education in Kentucky came when it was announced that unanimous agreement has been reached between the members of the legislative committee of the Kentucky Educational Association and the 120 county school superintendents in this State for a school reform program to be presented on the first day of opening session of the Kentucky Legislature.

The substance of the program will be found below. The fact that it has at last been agreed upon, with the Democratic county superintendents and educators as enthusiastic in its favor as the Republicans, is, in large measure, due to Mr. George Colvin, who was elected State Superintendent of Instruction November 4 last, and who will assume charge of that office Tuesday of next week.

A brief conference was held Friday morning, and immediately thereafter Mr. Colvin announced that a unanimous agreement had been reached and that all the county school superintendents, all the members of the Legislative Committee of the K. E. A. will unite to push the bill through.

### The Program Agreed

Below will be found all of the important matters at last agreed upon and supported by the solid strength of Kentucky educators and friends of education.

**FIRST**—A survey of the schools of Kentucky to be conducted by experts at a cost of \$10,000.

**SECOND**—The submission of a constitutional amendment to the people whereby the State Superintendent of Instruction may be made an appointive officer, as is the Superintendent of Schools in Louisville, this being for the purpose of taking the schools out of politics.

**THIRD**—The election of all county boards of education from the county at large instead of districts.

(A)—Vesting in the county board of education the power to select county school superintendents, thus doing away with the political elective method.

(B)—Vesting in the county board of education and their appointee, the county superintendent, the authority to employ and dismiss school teachers.

(C)—Vesting in these county boards the power to fix the county school tax.

**FOURTH**—Making the State Superintendent hereafter responsible the examination of all applications for teachers' certificates, and removing this power from the counties.

**FIFTH**—Giving the State Superintendent authority in passing upon the form of new school buildings, to

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## AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY LEWIS AND GREEN TO BE RATIFIED AT INDIANAPOLIS TODAY

FEDERAL OFFER SAID TO INCLUDE 14 PER CENT RAISE AND WAGE COMMISSION

GARFIELD PROPOSED PLAN

Chicago Operators' Secretary Declare Terms Were Received In Private Advice

Chicago, Dec. 8.—The proposal presented to John L. Lewis, acting president, and William Green, secretary-treasurer, of the United Mine Workers of America, by President Wilson and Attorney General Palmer Saturday night included a 14 per cent wage advance to miners and the appointment to study wages, profits and all conditions surrounding the industry upon resumption of work by the striking miners, according to private advices from the national capital received by Dr. F. C. Honnold, secretary of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association.

Dr. Honnold declared this indicated that the strike would be settled by Tuesday or Wednesday and that the miners would be back at work not later than Friday, at least, in Illinois.

The terms of the proposal as interpreted by Dr. Honnold from the advices received indicated that they were similar to the plan previously put forward by Fuel Administrator Garfield and that they contained certain details of settlement that will not be made public until after the consideration of them by the miners' executive board in Indianapolis on Tuesday.

### Details Carefully Guarded.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Government proposals for settling the coal strike last night were cloaked with veil in mystery which promised to lift only in Indianapolis Tuesday when the Federal court and the leaders of the United Mine Workers alike will be called upon to consider them.

Attorney General Palmer and his special assistant, Judge Ames, were traveling to Indianapolis tonight on the same train with John L. Lewis, acting president, and William Green, secretary of the mine workers' union, whose secret visit and equally secret conference yesterday with Mr. Palmer and Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, resulted in a provisional agreement to settle. Not one of the participants of the conference would discuss its meaning or intent.

Before boarding the train for Indianapolis, Mr. Palmer, however, said he was quite sure that the end of the strike was in sight. It was learned that he would confer with Judge Anderson of the federal district court on reaching Indianapolis.

In official quarters Fuel Administrator Garfield, speaking with brevity and emphasis, added only doubt to the situation.

"My position has not been budged one inch and will not be," he said.

It was recalled that yesterday Mr. Garfield had reiterated that not one cent would be added to the price of coal to finance wage increases to the miners greater than the 14 per cent he suggested which operators could

pay out of profits, and that the government was behind him in the stand.

### Suggested Commission.

It also was pointed out that on Nov. 26 he suggested this basis of agreement to the miners, with a proviso that an arbitration commission be appointed by the president to review his decision with power to change it if the commission should find economical justification. This proposal the miners' representatives then instantly rejected.

From other authoritative sources, there was only the attorney general statement issued last midnight that a "definite concrete proposition from the president looking to the speedy settlement to the strike" had been taken before Lewis and Green and they had agreed to recommend it to the National board and policy committee of the mine workers' union.

The miners' representatives, it developed today, arrived in Washington at noon Saturday and were closeted until midnight with the attorney general. They went from the department of justice to the home of a friend and did not appear until train time tonight and would not talk or add anything to the attorney general's published version of the situation. Who sent for the miners' leaders, or whether they came to Washington on their own accord was a question left unanswered by all concerned.

## TOBACCO BREAKS ALL PAST RECORDS

The highest price ever paid for tobacco was reached on the Hopkinsville market yesterday.

A lot of tobacco belonging to Lucian Saddler, who lives east of Hopkinsville, brought an average of \$39.19.

This tobacco was sold on Wm. Loose Floor and brought from \$47 for best leaf to \$15 for trash. This tobacco was the best lot yet sold on any of the loose floors and shows the trend of the Hopkinsville market. Even higher prices are to be expected.

Mr. Saddler's crop graded and sold as follows:

565lb Best Leaf.....	\$42.00
475lb Good Leaf.....	44.00
300lb Short Leaf.....	\$36.00
375lb Seconds.....	25.50
100lb Trash.....	\$15.90
Average.....	\$39.19

## ELKS' SACRED SESSION MEMORIAL ADDRESS SUNDAY

Hon. Virgil Moore, of Madisonville, delivered the annual address to the Elks, at the Princess Theatre Sunday afternoon. His speech was a fine effort.

### RECEPTION AT BETHEL

The young ladies of Bethel College gave a reception Saturday evening, that was greatly enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to attend.